

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 17, which starts with "The RFID comprises a coil" with the following amended paragraph:

--The RFID comprises a coil for antenna and an IC chip and originates information using as a power source the energy of a radio wave coming from a question machine (reader-writer). Thus, bidirectional communications are allowed without using batteries. The communications range is some 70 centimeters (27.56 inches). At the present time, the RFID can be manufactured at a low cost of 50 yen per unit.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 3 from the bottom, which starts with "In case the user of the information collection system" with the following amended paragraph:

--In case the user of the information collection system is interested in an advertisement posted in the station yard, approaches the advertisement up to 70 centimeters (27.56 inches) to the advertisement and clicks the corresponding button of the personal portable terminal 20. In response to this operation, the RFID 30 sends a pointer stored in the memory 32 from the advertisement information sending means 31 to the personal portable terminal 20.--

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following revised abstract:

~~--Providing information collection system that allows the user to access a network easily to obtain information.--~~

~~-----In order to provide an information collection system for acquiring information from a network, said information collection system comprises pointer sending means (30) for~~

~~sending the pointer to information to be acquired from a network based on a request, a portable terminal (20) having access means to a network and access means to pointer sending means, and information provision means (40) for providing information via a network, characterized in that said portable terminal acquires information from information provision means by using the pointer obtained after making a request of the pointer sending means. The user can easily access a network by using the pointer sending means as an entrance.~~

An information gathering system capable of obtaining information from a network, comprising a pointer sender (30) for sending out a pointer of the information to be obtained from the network, a portable terminal (20) capable of accessing to the network and the pointer sender, and an information provider (40) for providing the information via the network, wherein the portable terminal uses the pointer requested to and obtained from the portable sender and easily accesses to the information provider to obtain the information.--

Attachment: Replacement Sheet